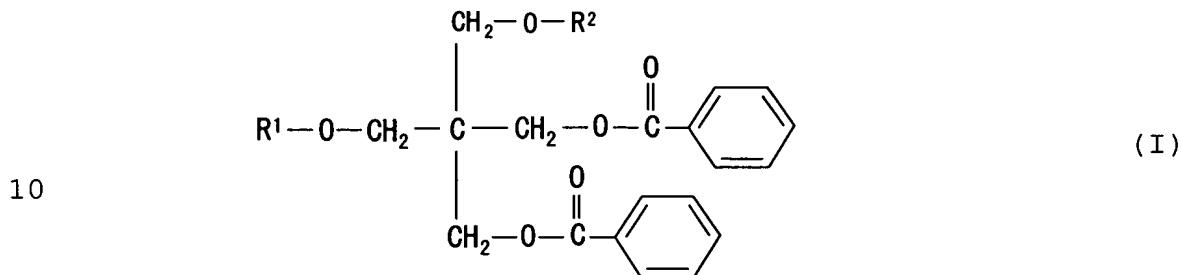


ABSTRACT

A cosmetic composition comprising:

5 an ester of pentaerythritol and a benzoic acid
having the formula (I):



15 wherein R^1 and R^2 independently indicate a hydrogen atom
or a linear or branched fatty acid residue having 1 to 24
carbon atoms or a benzoic acid residue and
a cosmetically acceptable carrier.